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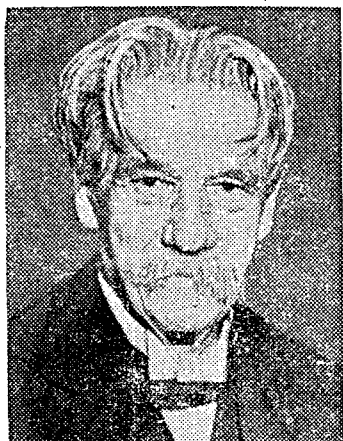
## ALBERT SCHWEITZER IS EIGHTY

**He gave up fame and fortune to serve the people of African forests**

*Albert Schweitzer, one of the greatest men of our day, will celebrate his 80th birthday on Friday, January 14. And like Sir Winston Churchill, he will celebrate it at his post of duty—his hospital at Lambaréné, 200 miles up the Ogowe River in French Equatorial Africa. A CN correspondent who has had the privilege of meeting this great man here describes his experience.*

As Dr. Schweitzer came into the room I was particularly impressed by his large, magnificent head with its shock of tousled grey hair. Even as a boy in Alsace, Albert Schweitzer never could keep his hair tidy.

He still dresses in the kind of old-fashioned black frock-coat with a wide collar and tie he wore 40 years ago before he left Europe, although when in Africa he



Dr. Albert Schweitzer

quickly slips into a light khaki suit. He also sports an oldtime topi, though most Europeans have now discarded that headgear as a protection against the sun.

Everyone in the room got up as Dr. Schweitzer came in. It was a spontaneous tribute to a man who, before most of the people in the room were born, turned his back on a brilliant career as musician, theologian, and philosopher and went out to Africa as a doctor. He

says he did it because he wanted to do something with his hands, and that most of all he wanted to be a doctor in the forests of Africa where disease and superstition were making life a misery for countless thousands.

Most of the learned and intellectual friends of Albert Schweitzer thought he was making a mistake in leaving behind a brilliant career which had already made him a famous man and promised to bring him further renown and riches.

But Dr. Schweitzer says that he had always in his mind the face of an African on a sculpture in Colmar, near his home at Gunsbach, in Alsace. It was a sad face and he could not forget it. He had to do something to bring a smile to that face, and to relieve the pain which caused the misery.

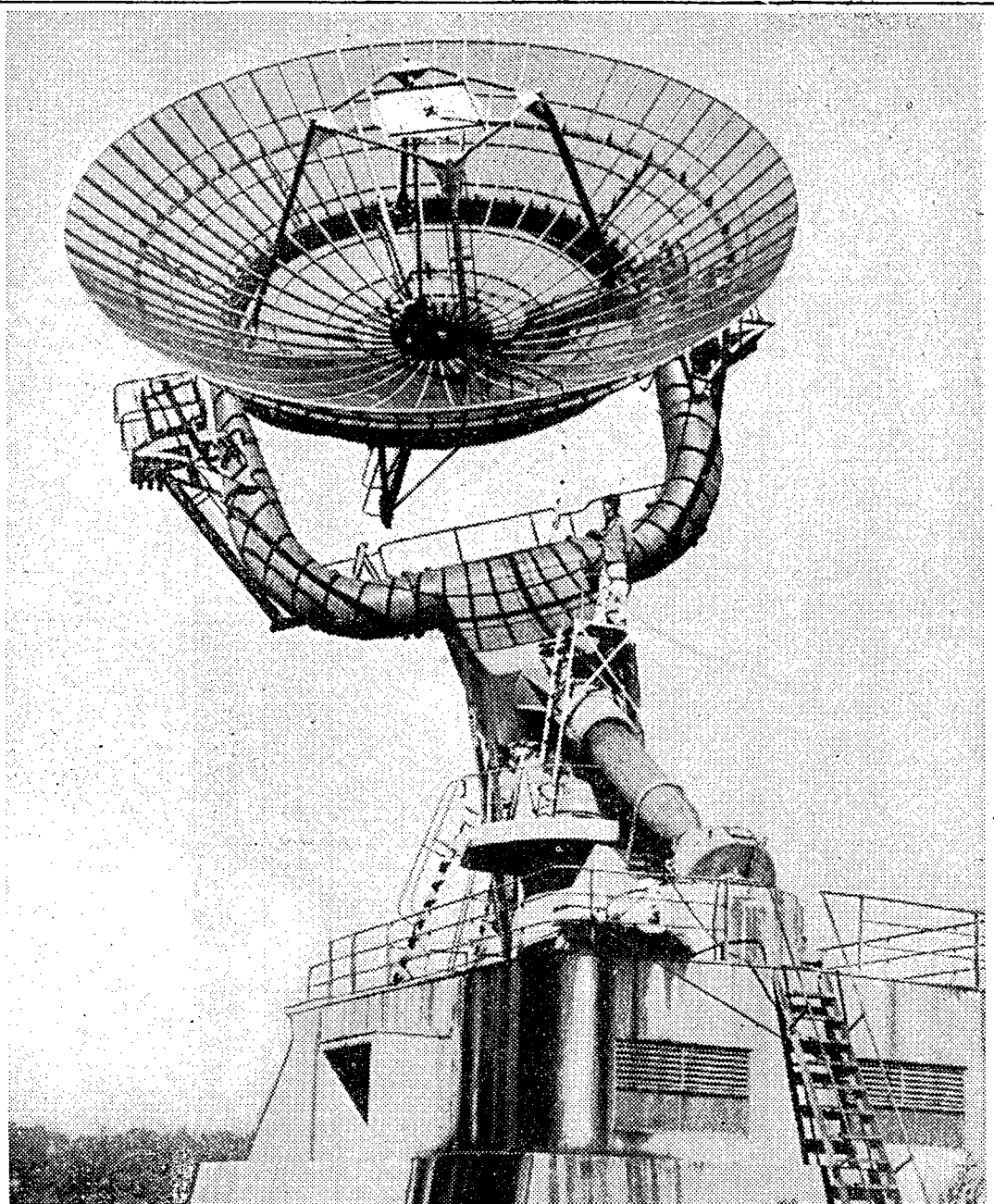
### HEN-COOP DISPENSARY

So for 40 years Schweitzer has been in West Africa. Eleven times he has made the journey between Europe and Africa. On the first occasion, in 1913, he turned an old hen-coop into a dispensary, set up a store of drugs, and began the endless process of treating sores, leprosy, cuts, fractures, and operating for deep-seated diseases. On his latest journey to Africa he brought with him the Nobel Peace Prize and a gift of £12,000 which will help the work of his hospital.

Albert Schweitzer always denies that being in Africa is a sacrifice for him. Rather, he says, he has found out the real meaning of life by giving everything he has to his African friends.

After the day's work is over at Lambaréné he plays Bach on the special piano-organ which his friends in Paris gave him. He continues writing his great book on the philosophy of civilisation while his pet antelope fawn looks on and tries to nibble the manuscript pages. His ear is always on the alert for a call to a sick patient in the hospital wards.

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## Measuring waves from the Sun

This weird affair, reminiscent of freak modern sculpture, is a solar radar apparatus at Tokyo Observatory in Japan. It measures the Sun's ultra-short waves.

## CRAWLING FOR 11 DAYS

An Australian Aborigine named Jack Emmett set out to walk 60 miles from one mission station to another, but after travelling 30 miles he trod on a sharp stake which went right through his foot.

He removed the stake with a big fish hook, and then crawled for eleven days through the bush until he reached his journey's end. The flying doctor service took him to hospital at Cloncurry in Queensland, and there he is recovering after one of the most amazing feats of endurance on record.

## 5½ INTO 4 SHOULD NOT GO

A four-inch drainpipe at Auckland Zoo, New Zealand, was blocked up the other day in a most unusual way. An eel 5½ inches in diameter swam into the pipe until it could get no farther.

Forty pounds of eel was later given to the polar bears.

## THE VICAR CLIMBED THE SPIRE

When the Vicar of Far Cotton, Northamptonshire, was told that the weathercock had been safely regilded and replaced on top of his church spire, he wanted to carry out a personal inspection.

So, the 49-year-old Vicar accompanied the steeplejack on a 140-foot climb. He admitted that he had once climbed a church spire as a boy—but on that occasion he had been severely punished by his mother.

## NO HOUSEWIFE'S CHOICE

A survey made by a firm in Chicago has revealed that the average American housewife covers between nine and eleven miles during her day's housework.

## NEVER ABSENT

Last week we wrote of Leonard Gascoigne, of Skellow, near Doncaster, who was never absent from school.

But Leonard's wonderful record is eclipsed by that of his headmaster, Mr. F. W. Sharpe. He has never missed a day in 37 years of teaching.

Schoolboy and master both received personal letters of congratulation from Sir David Eccles, the Minister of Education.

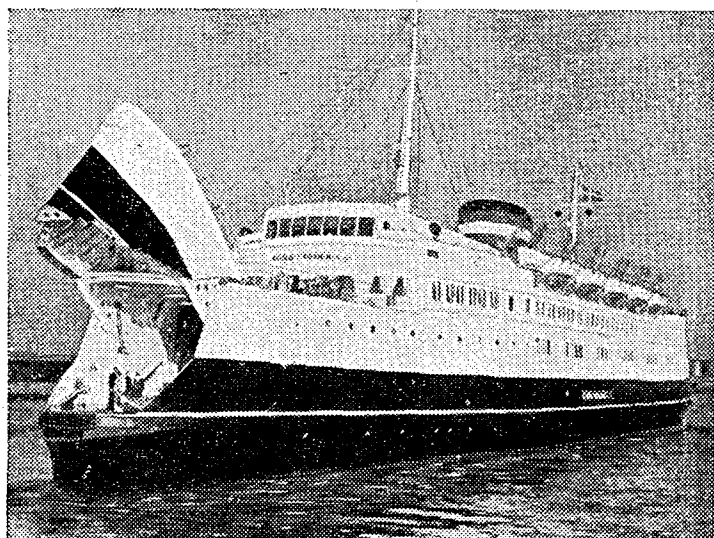
## RAINMAKERS

Getting enough water for the cattle in Australia has always been a problem, but scientists are helping to solve it. They can now sow silver iodine particles on clouds and get rain to fall at once.



Dr. Schweitzer with his hospital staff





### New Danish ferry

The bows of the new Danish ferry, King Frederik IX, can be raised to receive 125 cars, or three whole diesel express trains and 1200 passengers. She has just gone into service on the Baltic route between Gedser in Denmark and Grossenbrode in Germany.

## NEW CLASS FOR LONDON'S AMERICAN SCHOOL

The American school in "Little America," as Grosvenor Square, London, is called, now has a class for what they call the Ninth Grade in the United States (roughly the 14-year-olds). Many American children are staying in London with their parents who are members of the American Embassy staff, members of the American armed forces, or of business concerns.

### NOT AT A LOOSE END

Some of these children may be here for no longer than three weeks, but the Americans like their young folk to be at school and not at a loose end, even for so short a time.

The school already had eight classes, with about 100 pupils. It is not an official institution at all, but was started privately about three years ago by the present headmaster, Mr. S. L. Eckard, who had been working in the North American service of the B.B.C.

So many American parents with young sons and daughters here had applied to Mr. Eckard to arrange tuition for them that he decided to open a private school.

Mr. Eckard now has five classes from the five-year-olds in the Kindergarten to the new Ninth Grade of 14-year-olds, and a staff of nine teachers.

Thursday afternoons are very special occasions. For then, instead of lessons in class, the children are taken on excursions to see and learn about London.

### STUDIES AND EXCURSIONS

These excursions are always connected, however, with their daily studies. For example, if they have been reading Dickens, they will be taken to see the Dickens House in Bloomsbury and other places described in the great master's novels.

They certainly have a good time, these young American cousins of ours.

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secret of this great man. As I looked at the great head, the shoulders bent now with the weight of his years, I realised that here was someone who had given



Dr. Schweitzer attends to a baby

everything and so had gained everything. Certainly no man in all the world has a self-imposed task which more completely absorbs his mind and energies, day in, day out.

Someone in the room asked Schweitzer whether it was true that he was retiring from Africa and his work. He gave an emphatic denial.

Visitors to the hospital at Lambaréné say that it is not the most up to date or best equipped in Africa. Schweitzer makes do with old corrugated iron huts, and uses a good many rough wooden beds. But there is something about it which makes it different—because he is "le grand docteur" as the French call him.

There he is at 80, a monument of selfless dedication, and a symbol of all that is "of good report" in a world which too often values money and possessions above the things of the spirit.

## Schoolboys hunt for Roman pottery

On the edge of the New Forest there is a lonely spot called Pitt's Wood, where once some of the finest pottery in Roman Britain was manufactured. Today the only human visitors are boys of the Bishop Wordsworth's School, whose activities have been mentioned before in C.N. Members of their Archaeological Society sometimes cycle to the wood to collect fragments of pottery. For rabbits have tunneled into the kilns and scratched up necks of wine vessels, painted rims of jars, decorated bases and fragments of rosette-stamped dishes.

And now these boy archaeologists have succeeded in tracing specimens of this Pitt's Wood ware over a wide district, proving how popular it was with the housewives of this part of Roman Britain.

For instance, two of the boys, Laurence McGowan, 13, and John Tate, 12, recently spotted two Roman houses, five miles away, on a new housing estate at Downton. In one of the contractor's

### Brumas is five



Now she is five, Brumas, once the greatest Zoo favourite, is "just another polar bear."

trenches they found not only building stones and tiles, but pottery fragments identical with some from Pitt's Wood.

The Society found similar pottery in a Roman rubbish pit on a Salisbury estate eleven miles from the kilns. Then last August the boys discovered a second Roman building at East Winterslow, seven miles from Salisbury. This excavation produced little pottery, but what there was proved to be mainly of the same kind.

Over 200 fragments, some of them very large, were found during continued excavation at a Roman farm at Boscombe which the Society discovered in 1950. This is 15 miles from Pitt's Wood but the produce of its kilns is found much farther afield.

The Romano-British craftsmen chose the north-west part of the New Forest for their pottery works because of the fine clays, good water-supply from the numerous brooks, and extensive woodlands to provide fuel for the kilns. The potters lived in shacks.

## News from Everywhere

### ORKNEY OYSTERS

Oyster beds, already being laid along the west coast of Scotland, may also be laid at Orkney, where an oyster fishery flourished many years ago.

For 52 years Miss Edith Baddeley has been sub-postmistress of the Staffordshire village of Endon, near Leek. Now, at the age of 84, she has retired.

A cigarette card collector who is selling his collection expects to receive about £1400. Some collections in England, however, are even more valuable. They would fetch several thousand pounds each if offered for sale.

Some 423 inches of rain fell last year on Isonga in the British Cameroons.

### N.Z.'s BIT OF LONDON

A new window in a church at Manurewa, New Zealand, is largely composed of fragments of glass from the bombed chapel of Lambeth Palace, London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canada's Premier, is to receive the Freedom of the City when he visits London next month.

Airliners may soon be flying from London to Glasgow in an hour. A B.E.A. Viscount recently set up an unofficial record of 61 minutes for the flight.

### QUEEN'S CARRIAGES

The Queen has lent several vehicles to the Maidstone Carriage Museum. They include a droshky given by the Tsar of Russia to Queen Victoria, a small landau, a barouche, and a pony cart.

Britain with 132 competitors heads the list of entries for the 25th Monte Carlo Rally which begins on Monday.

Mombasa has a new £205,000 telephone exchange fitted with latest automatic devices. It was built by a Nottingham firm.

Clyde shipyards achieved a post-war record production of 477,204 gross tons of shipping last year.

### COUNTING OUR SWANS

The British Trust for Ornithology is preparing a national census of swans.

A donkey named Joseph has been given by Chester Zoo to a children's home at Rhyl.

Norway had 42,000 British visitors last year, a record.

### GLASS BOATS

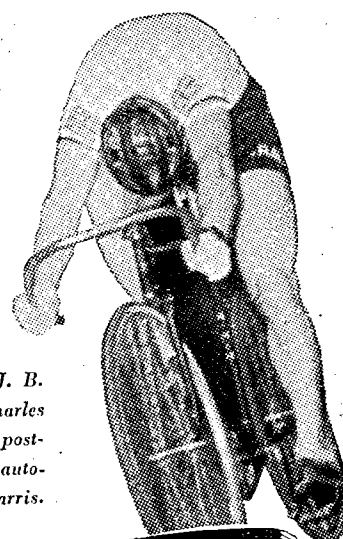
The Admiralty are experimenting with 20-foot and 25-foot boats made of fibreglass.

A 450-foot bridge over the Oni River, Nigeria, has been completed. It is part of a £240,000 scheme for a road to link Lagos with Benin by a more direct route.

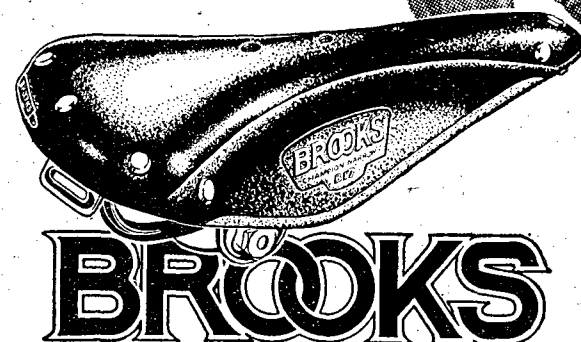
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### Eggshells for sale

Empty ostrich eggs are sold as souvenirs for five marks each at Nuremberg Zoo, Germany. When full, one of them weighs nearly as much as 37 hens' eggs.

### WHEN THE SEA BROKE THROUGH

Facts and figures about the great storm of January 1953 have been given in a talk by Mr. John Finn, deputy engineer to the Lincolnshire River Board.

He said that wave action was the disastrous factor. Of the Board's 85 miles of sea defences, 35 miles were damaged, 20 miles being completely destroyed. After the storm sea water had penetrated up to more than four miles inland, flooding 2500 acres, and at one time 2500 lorries were concentrated on a four or five mile front working on new defences.

### GLIDING HIGHER AND HIGHER

British glider pilot Philip Wills has reached a height of just over 30,000 feet in a flight over Mount Cook in New Zealand. He broke his own British absolute record of 22,430 feet and also set up a new British gain-in-height record of 28,200 feet.

The world gain-in-height record is 30,098 feet, and Mr. Wills nearly broke this also.

### BIG BEN CHIMES FOR TONGA

When Queen Salote of Tonga was in England for the Coronation she was delighted with the chimes of Big Ben. So an order was placed with a Derby firm of clockmakers, and next month a fine new clock with Westminster chimes will be shipped to Tonga for her palace chapel.

The clock will have three illuminated dials, each four feet in diameter, and its four bells will weigh nearly half a ton.

### TOY CRICKETERS

The Czechs have long been famous as toy-makers. Now they have just produced, for export to Britain's toyshops, a series of jointed wooden cricket figures with movable limbs.

These artful novelties are not being manufactured haphazard. They have been carefully planned for their particular markets, Britain, Australia, South Africa, and India, by the Czech Ministry of Forestry and Timber Industry.

### Lad from Pakistan



Air apprentice M.A.B. Siddiquee holding the shield awarded to him as the best aircraft apprentice from Pakistan at Halton, the R.A.F. School of Technical Training in Buckinghamshire.

### HOW SWEET'S THE BEET?

Last year's sugar beet crop is not so sweet. Of the first 2,500,000 tons processed, agricultural chemists found that the average sugar content was 15.77 per cent compared with 16.64 in 1953.

### LAKES BY THE THOUSAND

A Catalogue of Lakes in Karelia is shortly to be published in the Soviet Union; and it will be a lengthy one, for Soviet Karelia, situated in the north of the country along the border with Finland, contains so many stretches of fresh water that it is known as the "Land of a thousand lakes."

Until recently nobody knew exactly how many lakes there were, but now a group of Soviet hydrologists has listed every lake with an area of more than 2½ acres, though there are many smaller sheets of water no larger than ponds.

The grand total of lakes works out at 43,643, and of these 81 are more than four miles in area.

### ROUND THE WORLD IN A DUCK

Three years ago Major Benjamin Carlin crossed the Atlantic in a DUKW, the amphibious Army vehicle familiarly known as a Duck. He travelled from Nova Scotia to West Africa on the first stage of a round-the-world trip that he intends to make.

He is now planning the second stage of his trip. Soon he will drive into the English Channel and be on his way to his native Australia. His wife will be with him.

From Australia, Major Carlin intends to complete his strange round-the-world journey by driving to Singapore, across the Pacific to San Francisco, and then on to Montreal.

### FLYING FORTRESS v. GIPSY MOTHS

A four-engined Flying Fortress recently roared to the rescue of two big American towns plagued by gipsy moths.

Fitted with special spraying equipment, the B-17 zoomed over the towns at tree-top height, passing between the taller buildings, and spraying more than 40,000 acres.

The results of the spraying operation, over Lansing and East Lansing, Michigan, were said to be "excellent."

### FRESH FISH BY PLANE

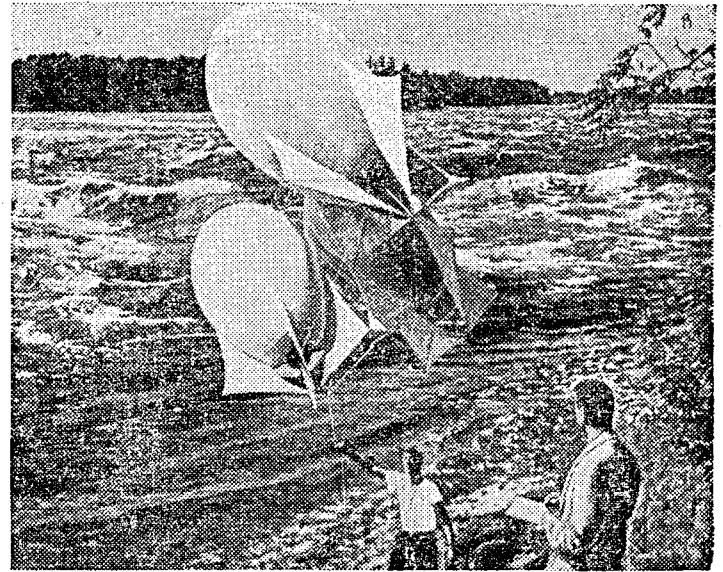
In an experiment in rapid transport of newly-caught fish by Icelandic trawler owners, fish was delivered in Hamburg three days after being caught off Iceland. The fish was put ashore, cleaned at once, boxed, and put on an aeroplane for Germany.

### NEW USE FOR OLD BARRELS

Growing potatoes in barrels is the hobby of Jack Cherz, who has a market garden near Auckland, New Zealand. He gets as many as 15 lb. of potatoes from one plant grown in this way in a mixture of equal parts of soil, compost, and sawdust.

### 106 YEARS OLD

On fine Sunday mornings people in Wallington, Surrey, still see 106-year-old Mrs. Caroline Beale going to church. Old age runs in the family, for Mrs. Beale had an aunt who lived to be 103.



### Sounding the rapids with balloons

These weather balloons, called kytoons, were used for mapping the bed of Canada's St. Lawrence River at Long Sault Rapids, where it is impossible to use small boats or ordinary echo sounders. The kytoons carried weighted piano wires to sound the depth of the rapids. A diagram of the river bed is needed for the great St. Lawrence Seaway scheme.

### NOT SO WET AFTER ALL

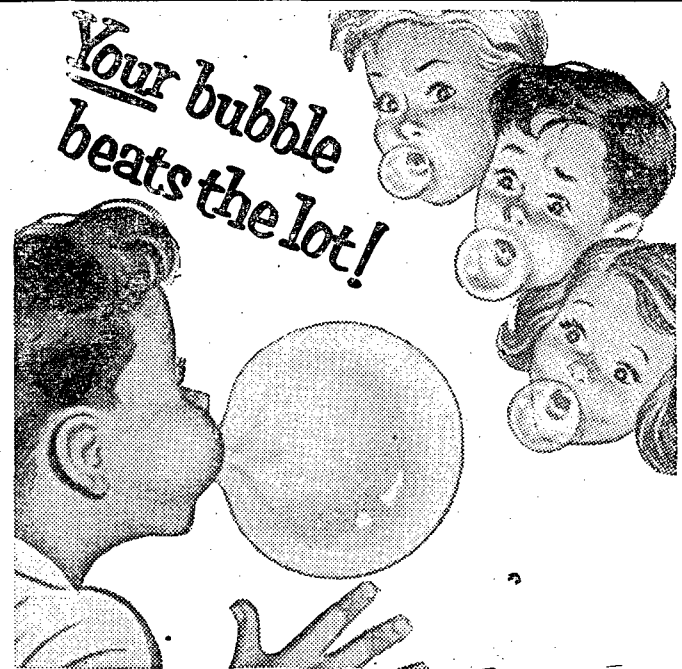
Last summer was unusually wet, as we all know, but on the whole it broke no records. An article in *Weather*, the journal of the Royal Meteorological Society, suggests that the impression of its unrelenting dampness arose from the number of rainy weekends.

Records show that since 1870 there have been six wetter summers in England and Wales.

### NAZIS WANTED NELSON

Had the Nazis successfully invaded Britain they would have taken the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square to Berlin. They wanted this London landmark because to them it was "the symbol of British victory, sea power, and world domination."

Their plan is revealed in Nazi documents published recently in the Czech newspaper, *Rude Pravo*.



Your bubble beats the lot!

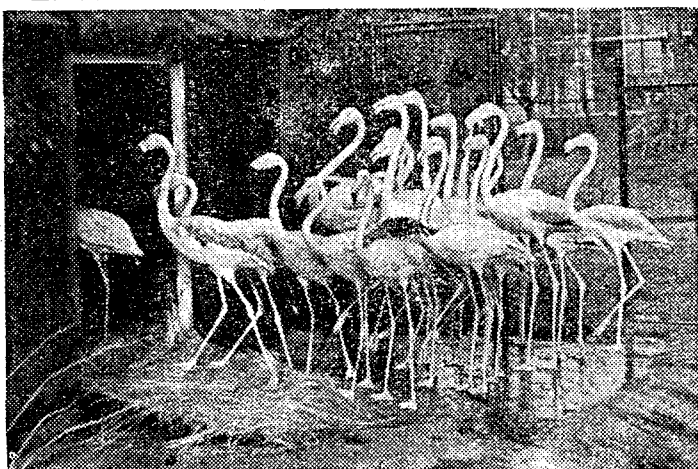


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### Bedtime parade

The flamingoes' winter-evening bedtime parade is an amusing performance at the London Zoo. The stately birds form up and march off in a body to their warm sleeping quarters.

In the summer they stay outside all night.



## LITTLE TOMOKO IS A BIG STAR



Tomoko singing at the microphone

The little girl in these pictures, eight-year-old Tomoko Matsushima, is the most celebrated schoolgirl in Japan. She is a star of radio, television, and the cinema.

Her spectacular rise to fame began three years ago when she won a children's singing competition on the radio. As a result, she was given a regular part in a wireless programme, and became increasingly popular with listeners. Next came stage performances, and finally film-making and TV. Now she earns 1000 dollars a month, a phenomenal income in Japan.

But life is not roses all the way for Tomoko. There is school, for



Mother adjusts the party dress

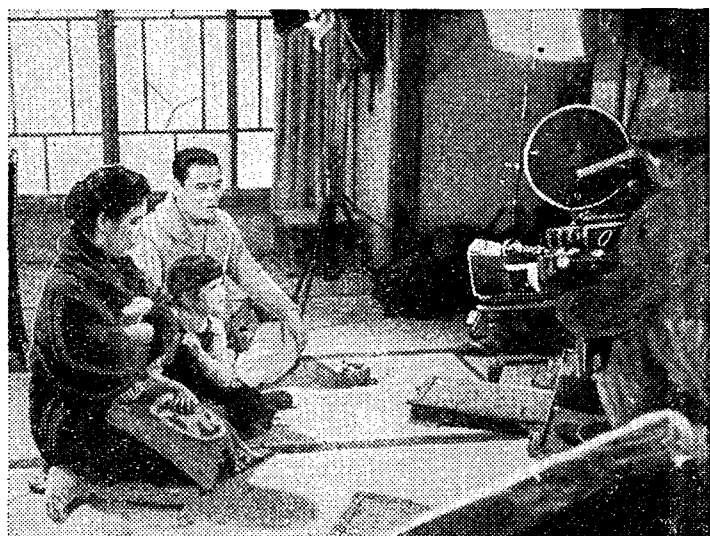
which she can spare only a week a month. This makes her continually behind the others at lessons, though she is a bright girl. She does her best to catch up.

For dazzling success has not changed her. She remains a natural sort of junior person, devoted to the fine collection of dolls given her by Walt Disney when she visited Hollywood, and fond of drawing with crayons, and of painting.

Though fame and fortune have come early to Tomoko, hers is a strenuous life; she prepares for a weekly TV show as well as acting in films. She has discovered that hard work never hurt anyone.



In school. The young star reads from her textbook



Tomoko and her film mother and father before the cameras

### IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

## SAFETY LAMP FOR MINERS

JANUARY 9, 1816. DURHAM—A lamp that can be carried down a mine to the coal face! That is the latest life-saving invention of Sir Humphry Davy.

This miner's safety lamp was successfully tested at H e b b u r n. Colliery officials and miners hardly dared trust the lamp, but the Rev. John Hodgson carried it to the coal-face, at times amid explosive concentrations of fire-damp.



Sir Humphry Davy

Afterwards Mr. Hodgson triumphantly reported that the experiments, "varied in every possible way," had been convincingly successful.

He described the new lamp as one of the most beneficial inventions in the annals of science.

### UNDERGROUND OPENED

JANUARY 10, 1863. LONDON—Thousands of excited Londoners today enjoyed their first ride under their own city when the Metropolitan Railway was opened to the public.

Stations were gaily decorated, and the festivities culminated in a banquet at Farringdon Street.

The "Underground" trains began running at 6 a.m. between Paddington and Farringdon Street.

Construction of the railway began nearly three years ago, in the Spring of 1860, and many serious obstacles were encountered by the engineer, John Fowler, and the constructors.

Excavations at Charing Cross, for example, cut through fifty feet of mud, and last year the River Fleet burst its enclosing sewer and flooded the tunnel to a depth of ten feet as far as King's Cross.

### AIR PIONEERS

JANUARY 12, 1866. LONDON—A new society—ambitiously titled the "Aeronautical Society of Great Britain"—was founded today by the Duke of Argyll and a handful of fellow enthusiasts. The Duke is the first President.

Members of this tiny society declare—despite scant practical proof to support their dreams—that at some future date the air will be regularly used for world travel!

### CENTENARIAN CELLIST

JANUARY 14, 1783. LONDON—Giacomo Cervetto, popular centenarian musician, died today at Fribourg's snuffshop in the Haymarket.

Born in Italy of Jewish parents, Cervetto was one of the first to popularise the violoncello in England. A well-known member of the Drury Lane orchestra for nearly half a century, he was often greeted by affectionate gallery cries of: "Play up, Nesy."

### RADIO AND TV

## WINTER SPORTS AND WOODPECKERS

JOHN LANE of Children's Hour is off to the Alps with Wynford Vaughan Thomas for a tape-recording of winter sports at Engelberg. Their story will be broadcast in Children's Hour on January 22.

The big novelty will be Wynford Vaughan Thomas learning to ski the Swiss way and giving a microphone account of his sensations as he skims over the snow—or into it. John Lane tells me the boot is, so to speak, on the other leg this time. Two years ago he himself



John Lane

was taking ski-ing lessons while Wynford looked on and laughed.

Wynford, by the way, was taught in New Zealand, where the ski-ing is very different from the European, as we shall hear in the broadcast.

HAVE you ever seen a baby woodpecker? Not many people have, but the chance comes on TV on Saturday evening when Peter Scott will be host to Heinz Sielmann, who made a woodpecker film that was the sensation of last summer's international Ornithological Congress at Basel. Everyone had thought his task was hopeless, as these birds nest in the trunks of trees. But with the use of infra-red light he got astonishing pictures of tiny woodpeckers during the first few days of their life, and they will be televised.

### Song of the birds

ERIC SIMS, the BBC's official bird man, was in high spirits when I talked to him about his recent recording trips in Devon and the Severn Estuary. "We've widened our scope ten times," he said, "with the use of a radio link."

Until last month, Sims and his engineer companion Bob Wade, had to clamber up and down rocks and climb trees to capture the notes of wild birds. Bulky recording gear had often to be manhandled up the faces of steep cliffs. Now all this is changed. The microphone is attached to a small portable radio transmitter which Eric Sims can carry easily. He has a directional aerial which he aims at Bob Wade's receiving aerial, perhaps 1000 yards or more down in the valley, where the actual recording is done.

"One person can stalk timid creatures more easily than two," said Sims. "We expect great results this year."

### Absent-minded Anna

Do you forget things? Is your head ever compared to a sieve? Then cheer up and take a look at a girl who forgot in a big way. She is Absent-Minded Anna in the play of that name in Children's TV on Thursday and again on Sunday.

Anna's absent-mindedness is a family joke, but when she forgets to give her sister Peggy a message from the Vicar inviting her to sing solo in the choir, Anna almost wrecks Peggy's singing career. Anna will be played by 13-year-old Suzanne Betts—her first TV appearance.

This is a first TV play by Mary Dunn, who has written a number of programmes for the Radio Children's Hour.

### Science will not keep you up so late

SCIENTIFICALLY-MINDED boys and girls have been missing good things in the Home Service Science Survey on Thursday evenings because of its late timing—10.30 p.m. From tomorrow it is to be broadcast weekly at 7 o'clock. First theme will be the Most Important Fossil in the World—the Archæopteryx—relic of a creature, half-reptile and half-bird, which lived 150 million years ago. The speaker is Sir Gavin de Beer, F.R.S., Director of the Natural History Museum.

And do not forget you can always catch up on Science Survey with the Home Service repeat at 9.30 on Saturday mornings.

### He made even the orchestra laugh

BEING funny, as any comedian will tell you, is no joke. Television, always on the lookout for new comics, has found one in Terry Scott, a tall young Londoner who made even the orchestra laugh in a recent Garrison Theatre performance. See if he has the



Terry Scott

same effect on you in Ralph Reader's It's a Great Life in TV on January 22. He specialises in schoolboy acts and has just been playing a little boy in Jack and the Beanstalk at Worthing.

Incidentally, Terry Scott writes all his own jokes.

ERNEST THOMSON



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# JUST A PEEP AT SOME HOLIDAY SHOWS



Dick Whittington (Joy Nichols) at the Palace Theatre in Manchester, listens for the sound of Bow Bells



Some of the characters in Enid Blyton's play, Noddy in Toyland, at London's Stoll Theatre



A 100-year-old puppet star at St. Martin's Theatre, meets Chin Yu, star at Her Majesty's Theatre, London



Mother Goose at the London Palladium, with Shirley Eaton as Margery Daw and Richard Hearne as Mother Goose



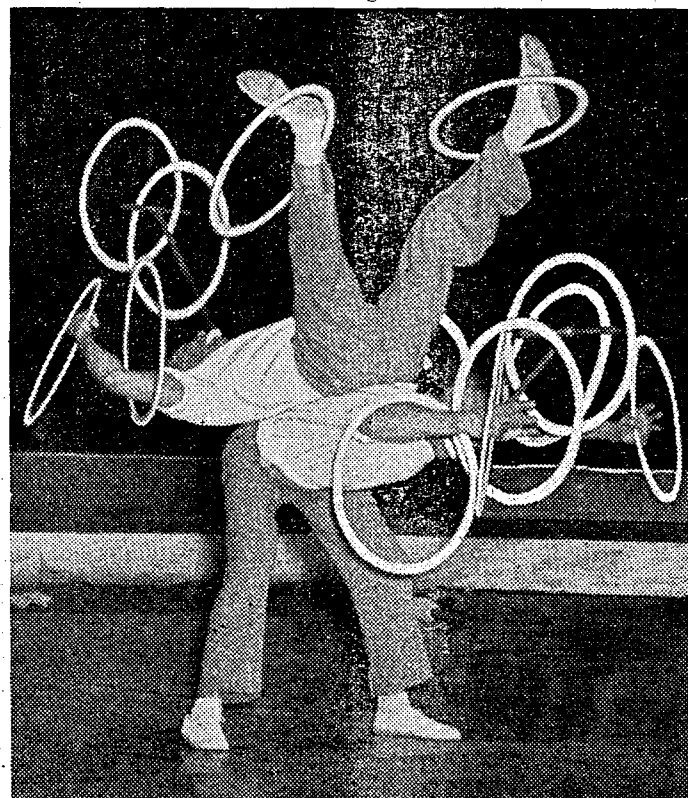
Damon Deste in Humpty Dumpty at Nottingham



Toad of Toad Hall explains things to his friends about his craze for caravans at the Princes Theatre, London



The Fairy Queen (Joan Connell) who graces Cinderella on Ice at London's Empress Hall



Rings in the ring get all mixed up with the Dangoleys in a whirlwind act at Bertram Mills' Circus, Olympia



Aladdin and "his" charming Princess on ice at the Empire Pool, Wembley



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## THANKS, G P O

WE all take many things for granted, not least among them, perhaps, our fine postal service. It is therefore particularly pleasing to hear of someone overseas who instead of taking the G.P.O. for granted has taken the trouble of writing to say Thank You.

To the Head Postmaster of Rotherham has come this letter of thanks from the Rev. F. J. Armitage of Brookville in Ontario, a Methodist minister who left his native Yorkshire 47 years ago.

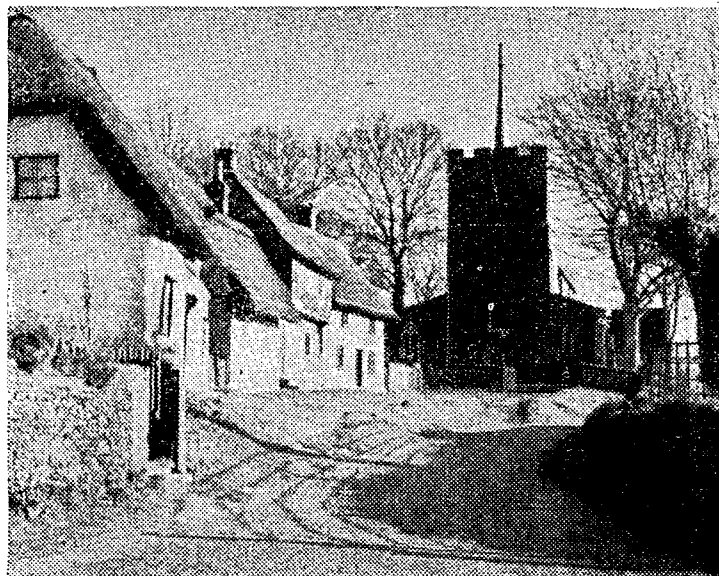
"Through all these 47 years," he writes, "the postal service has been my good friend, keeping my kinsfolk and my friends close to me . . . I want to say how grateful I feel to you and your staff, down to the postmen who deliver the mail and the men who collect it for you."

That, surely, is an expression of gratitude we should all echo—every one of us!

## NICE LINE IN PERFUME

THE Paris Métro is to be scented. Eau de Cologne or extract of pine are to be sprayed from the ends of the trains as they pass through the stations, and passengers will later be asked their preference.

It is a novel and pleasing idea, but we do not doubt that many Parisians will express a preference for the old distinctive odour of their underground railway that will certainly never find its way into any scent bottle.



OUR HOMELAND

# The Editor's Table

## BEWARE !

THE Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents have issued a timely warning about carbon tetrachloride, a dangerous chemical used for various hobbies.

Naturalists use it for killing butterflies and beetles quickly, some philatelists clean stamps with it, and amateur photographers their films. It has even been recommended in craftwork because it has no fire danger.

But the fumes are poisonous and people who use it in open dishes placed beside them may be breathing a deadly vapour. If you can detect the odour, exposure to it has become dangerous.

The safest course is not to use it at all.

## Think on These Things

ONE day the prophet Jeremiah went to a potter's house and watched him as he fashioned the clay on the wheel. The vessel the potter was making was spoiled, but instead of throwing it away he carefully moulded it again to his liking.

Jeremiah thought of God's work in seeking to mould His people. They disobeyed God's commandments, yet His love and mercy towards them did not cease. Like the potter, He continued to mould them according to His will.

"Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel" (Jeremiah 18. 6).

The clay in the hands of the potter has no power of choice; but we are free beings. We are always in God's hands, and He seeks to fashion us according to His perfect design, but we must choose ourselves to co-operate with Him, and seek to do His will.

## JUST AN IDEA

As William Cowper wrote: Knowledge dwells In heads replete with thoughts of other men; Wisdom in minds attentive to their own.

## Rubbing it in

A QUARTER of a ton of china ornaments and cups and saucers were smashed and scattered over a Leicester road when a car overturned twice after a collision.

The driver emerged, only slightly injured, and surveyed the wreckage of his samples. In the midst of them was a book lent to him by a customer. Its title was: Flying Saucers Have Landed.

## Off to Australia



Bound for Australia, Derick Clewer, aged 11, smiles farewell from the boat train at St. Pancras. He is the youngest of a party of boy emigrants.

## Thirty Years Ago

From The Children's Newspaper, January 17, 1925

THERE has been built a wonderful little self-working post office, only 42 inches square and nine feet high, where you can telephone, buy stamps, and post your letters without troubling an attendant.

THE L.C.C. Education Committee will permit wireless in elementary schools, and, where it is used for strictly educational purposes, will pay for the licence.

## EACH PASSING DAY

COME, cheerful day, part of my life to me;  
For while thou viewest me with thy fading light,  
Part of my life doth still depart with thee,  
And I still onward haste to my last night.  
Time's fatal wings do ever forward fly;  
So every day we live a day we die.

But, O ye nights, ordained for barren rest,  
How are my days deprived of life in you,  
When heavy sleep my soul hath dispossessed  
By feigned death life sweetly to renew!  
Part of my life in that you life deny;  
So every day we live a day we die.

Thomas Campion

## THEY SAY . . .

AFTER three months of early rising you will begin to feel that today is an even better day than yesterday.

Dr. G. K. Selborne in the January Family Doctor

UNDERNEATH all the friction and frustration there is an enormous spring of charity and goodwill between nations.

Dr. Gilbert Murray

DICK BARTON would not survive for ten minutes in real life even with his two fat-headed pals to help him.

Bernard Newman, speaking on Spies in Fact and Fiction at the Royal Society of Arts

THERE are people who still give at the collection the smallest coin they happen to have in their pockets.

The Archbishop of York

WHATEVER the future there is no doubt that we shall go faster and faster.

Sir Frank Whittle

## WORD QUIZ

Can you say whether a, b, or c is the correct meaning of the following five words?

- 1 RATLING
  - a Young rat
  - b Part of a ship's rigging
  - c A spring shackle on a car
- 2 EGRESS
  - a A bird like a heron
  - b A way out
  - c A tendency to quarrel.
- 3 CABER
  - a Frisky movement
  - b Pine trunk used in Highland Games
  - c Anchor rope or chain
- 4 SACKBUT
  - a Small, perfumed bag
  - b Special-sized barrel of Spanish sherry
  - c Ancient brass trumpet
- 5 ACCOLADE
  - a Attendant in church
  - b Sign at the bestowal of knighthood
  - c Row of pillars or trees.

Answers on page 12

## Out and About

THE dormouse is like a miniature squirrel, about the size of a house mouse, with pink feet and big eyes. Like all wild creatures which hibernate, he ate as much as he could before winter. The weather has to turn unseasonably warm before he will venture forth for another meal before Spring. Only the hibernating bats sleep as soundly, so one is even less likely to see him about now than in summer, when, like the squirrel, he lives in a "drey."

The winter dormitory of the dormouse is a neat nest woven of vegetable fibre and lined with moss or leaves. This is always above the ground, in some hole in a tree-trunk, or well wedged in a bush, where you might take it for a bird's nest. It is almost round, and, if occupied, has no opening, because the dormouse seals it up after getting in.

C. D. D.

# Next Week's Birthdays

## January 16

Dorothy Isobel Cox (1906). In 1936 she adopted by deed poll her stage name of Diana Wynyard.

## January 17

David Lloyd George (1863-1945). The first man to make his way, entirely by his own efforts, from poverty and obscurity to the position of the Prime Minister of Britain.



One of the early pioneers of social security in this country. He proved a great leader in the First World War.

## January 18

Danny Kaye (1913). He intended to be a doctor, but has become instead one of the world's great laughter-makers. In private life he is a great social worker and recently made a documentary film about the United Nations International Children's Fund; all profits will be devoted to Unicef.

## January 19

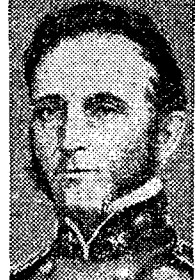
Paul Cézanne (1839-1906). French painter, now recognised as a great master and a key figure in modern painting, he endured in his lifetime the isolation and ridicule which is so often the lot of the pioneer. He was a lifelong friend of the novelist Emile Zola.

## January 20

André Marie Ampère (1775-1836). French physicist, noted for his discoveries in electromagnetics. The unit of measure for electric current, ampere, is named after him.

## January 21

"Stonewall" Jackson (1824-1863). American Confederate general, who with Robert E. Lee, made one of the most brilliant partnerships in military history. Lee was the planner, Jackson the able and devoted lieutenant who translated plans into action.



## January 22

Lord Byron (1788-1824). The poet who "dreamed that Greece might still be free" and died while attempting to make that dream come true. His name is immortal among the people he tried to help.

## BE GLAD TODAY

I'd laugh today, today is brief, I would not wait for anything; I'd use today that cannot last, Be glad today and sing.

Christina Rossetti



The Children's Newspaper, January 15, 1955

## REPORT ON WILD LIFE

# PORTUGUESE MEN-OF-WAR IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

If you live by the seaside, I wonder if you have seen the Portuguese Man-of-War?

This is the name given to an attractive relative of the jellyfish which lives in warmer seas, but, owing to the sequence of the south-westerly winds, has drifted into British waters in unusual numbers this autumn and winter. Some have been seen as far east as Hastings, and others drifted up the western coast, one being found by a schoolboy at Aberdovey, and others, for the first time, on the shores of the Isle of Man.

By means of a brightly coloured oval air-bladder which floats on the surface and is supposed to look rather like an old-fashioned warship, the Portuguese Man-of-War is able to drift on the surface of the sea for many hundreds of miles, shimmering in the sunlight.

## ANIMALS WITH STINGS

In point of fact the bladder supports not one creature but a colony. Some members of it kill little sea animals with batteries of stinging tentacles. Others do the eating for the colony and pass on the nourishment to it.

The British Mammals Society, one of the newer nature study societies in the country, have chosen the hare as the subject of their first national inquiry into living-habits. There is still a great deal to be learned of the ways of hares.

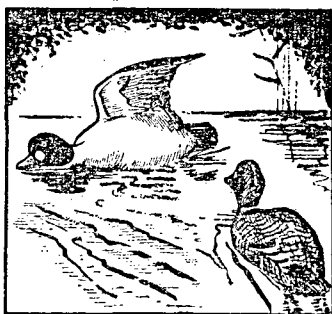
In Staffordshire, for instance, hares have been found living among old disused mine workings, and the seemingly unnatural country of the Potteries. The survey also wants to find if hares are increasing in numbers where the unhappy rabbit populations have been exterminated by myxomatosis.

## BIRDS IN DISTRESS

Many birds have been "wrecked" by the winter gales, and many a bird-lover has had opportunity to do his good deed. In Derbyshire, a Slavonian grebe which was found storm-bound after a gale at Edale was released on the Derwent Reservoir when it had recovered.

After a big gale in the Irish Sea one day, two ornithologists made a remarkable list of seabirds sheltering from the gales at Hilbre Island in the Dee estuary, between the coasts of Wales and Cheshire—over 100 guillemots, 43 red-throated divers, 16 great crested grebes (which are winter visitors to the coast from inland waters), 18 red-breasted mergansers, two Slavonian grebes, and a puffin.

Our winter visitors have now reached many of their inland haunts. There are wild whooper swans, goldeneye ducks, and geese on several inland reservoirs and lakes. The remarkable autumn passage-migration of



Goldeneye ducks

hoopoes continued much later than was expected, and most counties in England have been visited by these black-banded and brightly crested travellers on their way back to the Continent.

## WATCHING THE BUZZARD

The Nature Conservancy at Furzebrook Research Station, near Wareham in Dorset, has recently mapped out the nesting haunts of the buzzards in Britain in 1954. It hopes to repeat this next year and probably again in 1960, and to find out how the buzzard is adapting feeding habits to the loss of so many rabbits, which have long been its chief source of food.

A century and a half ago this big, slow-flying hawk was a common nester in most British woods; then owing to persecution it became very rare. But in the last 30 years it has been steadily increasing and re-colonising old

haunts and even occupying new ones like the Outer Hebrides.

Although the buzzard relies largely on the rabbit for its food in Britain and Holland, it feeds more upon voles in Germany. Food-pellets, or the remains of undigested bones and fur "coughed up" by the birds, are collected and examined in order to identify their food.

## MAPS OF PLANTS

A series of nature maps marking the haunts of plants in the British Isles is being prepared by the Botanical Society. The positions of the rarer wild flowers and ferns will be kept confidential to defend them from too enthusiastic collectors, but the presence or absence of all other plants is being marked in 10-kilometre grid squares on the national grid.

To those biologists who study living-habits in nature it is the varying distribution of common plants which is important rather than the occurrence of rare varieties. E. H.

## IN AND OUT OF BOUNDS

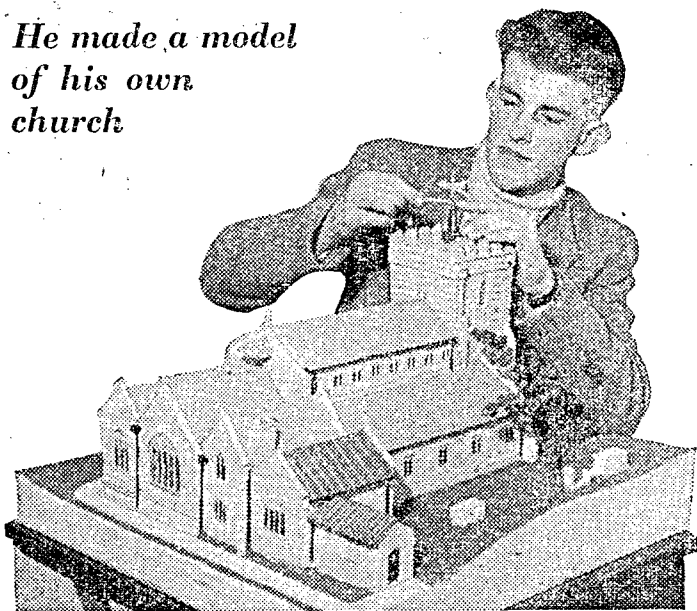
Most of us got a thrill from standing astride a boundary exclaiming, "Look, I've got a foot in both counties!" Frontiers are always fascinating, and there is a great deal to be learned about them, including those which many of us, unknowingly perhaps, cross every day.

A new booklet which will help us to understand them better is **BOUNDARIES**, by Geoffrey Bowell (Methuen, 2s.). It will help us to understand for instance, how they may affect our lives; that the side of the boundary we live on may decide which school we are to attend.

If we live in the country, tracing the parish boundary will take us on an exciting expedition through woodlands, along streams, over ditches—taking care, of course, to skirt private property.

Everything we ought to know about boundaries is in this little "Get to Know" book, and much interesting information besides.

He made a model of his own church



Making final adjustments to his accurate balsa-wood model of St. Nicholas Church at Brighton is 20-year-old Robert Minton, assistant youth leader at the church. The model is complete in detail and includes a set of chiming bells.

## NEW LIFE FOR A DYING TRIBE

An effort to civilise wild Australian Aborigines and to save them from dying out seems to be proving successful on the west coast of the Northern Territory, 250 miles south-west of Darwin.

The story of the experiment began in 1934 when a group of natives murdered three Japanese officers of a pearling lugger. This crime came as a shock to the Australian authorities, because these natives had formerly been peaceful nomads. The Catholic Church in Australia agreed to try to help them.

A priest and a party of nuns went to the region accompanied by an anthropologist to establish the Port Keats Mission. They found the Aborigines continually fighting with other tribes, and their numbers were declining. The cause of the strife was lack of natural food supplies, for they practised no agriculture.

A hospital and school were set up and gradually the tribesmen were persuaded to clear a patch of mangrove swamp and start a plantation. Now they enthusiastically cultivate cassava, sorghum, bananas, and many other crops, and their food supply is assured. They also have a herd of 500 cattle and,

except for flour and tobacco the mission is almost self-supporting.

But these people, new to civilised ways, have to be given holidays during which they can return to their former habits. For a month at a time the men go "walkabout," living by hunting and fishing. The women, however, stay at home and the children must remain at school—the boys playing barefoot football.

The missionaries' hopes are based on the young people. If they are content to remain and work in the settlement when they grow up, the Port Keats experiment will have been justified.

## AUNTIE HEN'S PUPS

A hen on an Oxfordshire farm has appointed herself fostermother to five Golden Retriever puppies, having adopted them when they were four days old.

Borrowing them from their mother, she encourages them to nestle up to her, plays with them, drives other birds away from them, and even "washes" them by pecking dust from their coats and paws.

The mother dog has no objection to Auntie Hen's attentions, and only takes over at mealtimes.

## CN STAMP ALBUM—A feature of interest to all young collectors (3)



STAMP WITH A STORY

THIS REPRODUCTION OF THE MONA LISA BY THE ITALIAN ARTIST LEONARDO DA VINCI WAS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST GERMANY

The original painting hangs in the Louvre in Paris



THEY LOOK ALIKE BUT— HAVE YOU BOTH VARIETIES?



THE STAMP ON THE LEFT WAS ISSUED IN 1901 TO COMMEMORATE UNIVERSAL PENNY POSTAGE. IT WAS RE-ISSUED IN 1909 TO INCORPORATE NEW ZEALAND'S NEW STATUS OF DOMINION (AT THE TOP OF THE BORDER). THE VALUE WAS ALSO SHOWN AT THE SIDES.



THE PATRON SAINT OF COMMUNICATIONS IS ST. GABRIEL This archangel's picture appropriately appears on a stamp issued by the ARGENTINE in 1944

## ? PUZZLE CORNER?



This stamp comes from:— YUGOSLAVIA, ITALY, TRIESTE, OR ALBANIA? Answer next week

Answer to last week's puzzle. THE CHANNEL ISLANDS (Issued to commemorate their liberation in 1945)



## HAPPY YOUNG FARMER OF TADCASTER

Only 24, Michael Rhodes, of Gelpits Farm, Tadcaster, is one of Yorkshire's youngest farmers, but in this New Year he can look back on almost nine years' farming work and study.

He left Tadcaster Grammar School at fifteen with a school certificate and unbounded enthusiasm. After over three years on local farms, he spent two years at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, there gaining the National Diploma in Agriculture. Then he rented his present 60-acre farm.

He was still a schoolboy when he first joined the Tadcaster Young Farmers' Club. Today he is leader of the branch. Michael happily explains: "I shall never regret learning farming the hard way."

He won the Tadcaster N.F.U. first prizes for the best local crops of short strawed barley and sugar beet, plus a second for white potatoes, and a third for mixed corn.

His recipe for success is—Work hard. Study hard, and profit by mistakes. He also advises all would-be farmers to get first-hand experience with stock and crops before taking the N.D.A. or other college examinations.

## ROME IN ESSEX

What is believed to be a small first-century Roman sepulchre has been unearthed at White Notley, near Braintree, in Essex. In such sepulchres the Romans deposited urns containing the cremated remains of their dead, with vessels holding offerings of food and other articles.

The White Notley sepulchre was discovered by Mr. M. J. Campen, an archaeologist who was working on the site of a Roman villa he had previously excavated. It is three feet nine inches square, with niches for urns in its flint walls. No urns were found, but there was evidence of some having been broken or removed.

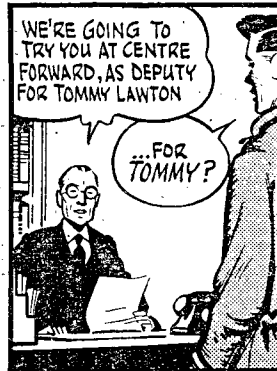
## Steps to Sporting Fame



Many changes have taken place to make Chelsea the fine team they are today, but two old stalwarts still play a notable part in the fortunes of the London club—John Harris and Ken Armstrong.



Armstrong, Bradford-born, has always taken his football seriously. In boyhood his garden was backed by a blank wall. He used to kick a tennis ball against this, hitting it on the rebound to master control. Ken played for his school, and then for Bradford Amateurs.



A wartime recommendation took him to Chelsea, where he established himself as a half-back in the reserves. Then one day the manager told him he was to be tried at centre-forward in the League team, taking over from Tommy Lawton, at that time the England leader.



Ken finished the season (1947-48) as leading scorer, but has since returned to the middle line to become one of the soundest right-halves in England. He is also an official F.A. coach, and a great many schoolboys have had the benefit of his instruction.

## THE INVISIBLE MAN

No writer of science fiction could make a better combination of fun and excitement than H. G. Wells, whose Invisible Man begins as a picture-story on this page next week.

This original and entertaining yarn concerns an unscrupulous scientist who was excited by the prospect of the power an invisible man could wield. Having discovered how to make living tissue transparent, he rashly experimented on himself before finding out how he could return to normal visibility.

He soon found that being invisible was not all fun. He could not wear any clothes as long as he wished to remain unseen. If he dressed himself to keep warm it was necessary to cover his invisible face in bandages, otherwise he would have appeared as a headless horror. In the end he betook himself with his books to a quiet village to work out the problem of becoming visible again.

The strange events that then befell can only be described as "Wellsian."

## TYRE WITH NO TUBE

Burst tyres may soon be a thing of the past. A new kind of tyre is being made which has no inner tube and is claimed to be almost burst-proof.

The tubeless tyre has a special lining which forms part of the outer cover. Punctures in it are very slow because the inner lining will cling round any object which pierces it.

Another advantage of the new tyre is that it maintains its pressure much longer than the old sort because the special lining is not stretched. Air escapes through stretched rubber much faster than through unstretched.

The new tyre can only be used on disc wheels with rims which are completely airtight, for wire spoke wheel rims would allow air to escape from tubeless tyres.

So, for the present, we must still use the old-fashioned inner tube.

## BROADCASTING GOES AHEAD IN AFRICA

Broadcasting is making great strides in Africa. New stations are opening, with special programmes for spreading knowledge about farming, hygiene, soil erosion, child welfare, and mass education.

In this great post-war advance the B.B.C. plays a helpful part in bringing radio to lonely kraals, bush homesteads, and jungle Settlements.

Many of our colonies, of course, transmit B.B.C. programmes, or borrow trained staff. Difficulties are many in this vast continent, but the results are heart-warming.

This fact is borne out by Mr. J. Grenfell Williams, Head of the B.B.C.'s Colonial Service, who has just finished a tour of British Africa.

"No one," he says, "who has heard the Yoruba carols from Lagos, or the wild exciting music from the Nairobi station, or Accra's talking drums, can fail to believe that Africa has something completely new to give to broadcasting."

Mr. Williams certainly received a new insight into radio drama

when he visited Northern Rhodesia. In the grounds of the Lusaka radio station he watched Africans rehearsing a play under a big tree. They seemed to be all chattering and laughing at once, and the puzzled visitor could see no scripts.

"Most of the actors," he says, "were, in fact, illiterate. After rehearsal they trooped in and, before a small studio audience, performed at the microphone entirely unselfconsciously and with great aplomb. Apparently each actor, given the story and general line of his part, lives and speaks his part as he goes along."

### SHAKESPEARE IN KIKUYU

Mr. Williams saw more African broadcasters in Nairobi, Kenya's capital. They were busy producing the trial scene from *The Merchant of Venice*, in Kikuyu dialect. The Head of the B.B.C. Colonial Service was intrigued to learn, from the native producer, that his radio audience would never accept the idea of a woman behaving as Shakespeare's character Portia does. Therefore he had deleted her from the script, giving

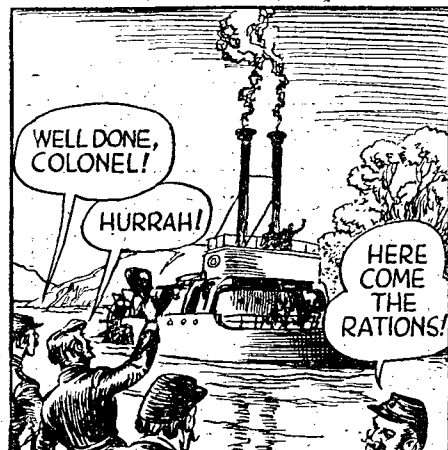
her speeches to the court judge. The producer explained that this was really not so startling, for East African tribesmen are quite accustomed to British district commissioners who, administering a tropical area, act as both judge and defending counsel in disputes.

In Nigeria Mr. Williams sat at tea with an aged, dignified black ruler. Outside the dusty courtyard women in blue headresses chanted and wailed, while a loud-speaker above the gate blared raucously. Its sound was, to the B.B.C. official, oddly familiar. Straining his ears, he recognised it—a relay from the Jewel and Warriss series, *Up the Pole!*

Technical problems, too, beset the radio pioneers in Darkest Africa. For instance, a certain breed of West African insects have a taste for insulating material, and some Nigerian fishermen discovered that the lead on wireless cables was, when stripped, very useful for weighting their nets.

The authorities had to arrange for a "juju" to be pronounced on the wire by a medicine man.

## FROM LOG CABIN TO WHITE HOUSE—new picture-version of the romantic life-story of President Garfield (final instalment)



Although the Confederate skipper gave him no help, and the steamer once went aground, James successfully navigated the vessel up the swiftly-running river. There were delighted cheers from his men when he arrived with the badly-needed food supplies. Afterwards he was promoted Brigadier-General for his bravery in the Middle Creek battle, and later he led his troops to more victories in Kentucky.



Garfield's most daring exploit of the Civil War was at the Battle of Chickamauga, where the force with which he was serving as staff officer was badly beaten. It was essential to take the news to another Federal general, and he volunteered to ride through the Confederate forces. Two orderlies with him were killed, and he only got through with his vital message by galloping zigzag across the fields.



He was promoted to Major-General, but his friends wanted him in the House of Representatives (U.S. Parliament). He was loath to leave the Army, and only did so at the request of President Lincoln, who needed his military experience in the House. He was elected and remained in the House of Representatives, a prominent and conscientious politician, until 1880, when he went to the United States Senate.



In that year James Garfield reached the top of the ladder—the bottom of which had been a poverty-stricken widow's hut in the west. Amid tremendous enthusiasm the Republican Party nominated him as their candidate for the Presidency. He was elected, and went to the White House in 1881. Unhappily, he only served for four months. That autumn he died of bullet wounds inflicted by a crazy assassin.

Next week a picture-version of H. G. Wells's scientific fantasy, the Invisible Man, begins on this page



A grand new serial about the radio schoolboy

# OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

On a cross-country run Jennings and Darbishire are far behind the rest of the school, as Darbishire has no laces in his gym shoes. They arrive at a meadow to find that the gate has been left open and a cow is straying towards the main road. They decide to drive the cow back before proceeding on their journey.

## 4. Late arrival

THE task of persuading the straying animal to rejoin its companions in the meadow proved more difficult than the boys had supposed.

"We can't leave the gate open while we shoo her in, or the rest of the herd will come charging out," Jennings reasoned. "The only thing is for me to stand here and open it at the last moment, while you nip after the cow and drive her back towards me."

Darbishire shuffled off down the lane on his cow-catching errand with little enthusiasm for the part he had to play. He would have felt happier if only he had been properly shod, but as it was, his unlaced shoes caused him a great deal of trouble by detaching themselves from his feet at almost every step. At last, however, he came to within a short distance of where the cow was standing with her back towards him, and eyeing the main road ahead with considerable interest.

## No response

"Hey! Whoa! Stop! Come back!" Darbishire shouted.

Perversely, the cow lumbered forwards for a few yards.

"You're going the wrong way," Darbishire called after it. "Halt! About turn!" ... But the cow moved on more briskly than before.

It was Jennings who pointed out to the despairing cowhand that cattle tend to move in a forward direction when shouted at from

behind. "You'll have to get in front, and turn her round," he called down the lane.

Darbishire shrugged helplessly. "It won't let me get in front. This lane's too narrow for overtaking, and, anyway, my shoes keep coming off and..."

"So much the better. You can creep past in your bare feet and she won't hear you coming."

With some misgiving Darbishire picked up a stick and edged his way gingerly past until he stood between the animal and the main



"Stop that at once, you boys," said the indignant farmer's wife.

road. "Shoo! ... Shoo!" he cried vaguely.

Fortunately for Darbishire, the cow decided that she had seen enough of the wide world beyond the meadow, for with unexpected suddenness she turned in her tracks and set course for home at a lively canter.

Jennings swung back the gate as the cow came towards him; and a moment later he slammed it shut with a cry of triumph as the animal floundered through.

As Darbishire retrieved his

shoes from a waterlogged wheel-rut, he caught sight of a car which had stopped in the main road at the end of the lane. The driver appeared to be watching his movements with interest, but as the boy turned to look more closely the man let in the clutch and drove away.

"Somebody saw us, Jen," Darbishire volunteered, as the two boys climbed over the gate on the next stage of their journey. "I think it was old Farmer Arrow-smith, but I'm not sure."

"Well, what if it was? We're doing him a jolly good turn, so he can't grumble," Jennings answered. He glanced round and noticed that the wandering cow had come to a standstill just inside the gate and was making no effort to catch up with the rest of the herd who, by this time, were frisking merrily in a far corner of the meadow.

"We may as well finish the job properly, and drive her across to the others," Jennings decided. "Otherwise, she may try to slip out again, if anyone comes through the gate."

## Hill-billy songs

So saying, he skipped up and down behind the cow, shouting at the top of his voice and flailing his arms like windmill sails. Darbishire added his support, brandishing his stick and chanting gay snatches of hill-billy songs to show that he now felt rather more at home in his role of cowboy.

They became so engrossed in their round-up, that for a time neither of them noticed a middle-aged woman in hairy tweeds making her way towards them from the opposite end of the meadow.

Jennings spotted her first when she was a short distance away. "I say, Darbi, here's Mrs. Arrow-smith. I bet she'll be pleased when we tell her what we've done. Perhaps she'll write us a note we can show to Old Wilkie, to prove why we're late."

Darbishire glanced at the figure bearing down on them, and noticed the light of battle in her eye. "She doesn't look pleased to me," he observed.

His fears were justified. As he finished speaking the woman's voice rang out angrily. "Stop that at once, you boys. How dare you chase that cow all round the meadow!"

## The wrong angle

Jennings gaped in surprise. Mrs. Arrow-smith was looking at things from the wrong angle. She must be told the true facts at once.

"Oh, but we weren't doing it for fun, honestly," he began. "We were just driving it over to join the others because..."

"Don't attempt to deny it," the woman broke in. "I saw you chasing the poor beast all the way from the gate, waving sticks at her and shouting like hooligans."

It was clear that the farmer's wife was laying the blame in the wrong quarter. Jennings did his best to put the matter right.

"You don't understand," he began. "What happened was..."

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Health  
returns with  
**LUCOZADE**



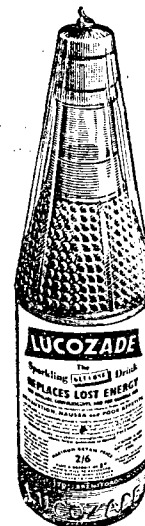
## "Amazing the way he's recovering"

Look out for winter and the illnesses it can bring—drink Lucozade regularly. The Glucose in Lucozade provides you with energy when you need it most, protecting you against that weakening state of exhaustion that leaves you susceptible to illness. The keen, subtle flavour of Lucozade stimulates the appetite and is willingly accepted by the most delicate palate. So give plenty of Lucozade to all the family—not forgetting yourself. Ask for it wherever you go. *Used by Doctors and Nurses in Hospitals, Clinics and Schools.*

We receive letters like this every week

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"My little boy (aged 6) has been ill since last October... At first he was very ill and then after some improvement we put him on your Lucozade. From the first he has derived new energy and strength from it and it is now a regular daily drink..."



# LUCOZADE

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## LOOKING AT THE SKY

## WINKING DEMON

THE constellation of Perseus is now overhead between 7 and 9 o'clock, and presents a scene that will well reward the observer.

The star-map indicates the chief and brightest stars, which have symbolized the famous knight-errant Perseus for upwards of 3000 years. It was he who, in Greek mythology, rescued Andromeda from the sea-monster Cetus after previously cutting off the head of Medusa, the terrible Gorgon.

These bright stars, as a rule, only appear bright because they are among the nearest of that stellar host. On any dark clear night there can be seen multitudes of other fainter stars, and with a small telescope, or even binoculars, the numbers seen will amount to many thousands.

Behind and beyond all this vast host can be seen the radiant light from millions of other stars, suns, and worlds.

This radiance can be seen extending away to the north-west and south-east of Perseus as an irregular band of luminosity which actually encircles our heavens and is popularly known as the "Milky Way, and to astronomers as the Galactic Ring or Galaxy. Portions

of it are much nearer to us than others, the region of Perseus being one of the farther regions.

Algol, the Demon or Winking star, is the most remarkable of the stars of Perseus. Its name is derived from the ancient Arabic Al-Ghul, meaning Demon or Ghoul. Its periodic diminishing of light explains the name. To astronomers it is known as Beta Persci and an eclipsing variable.

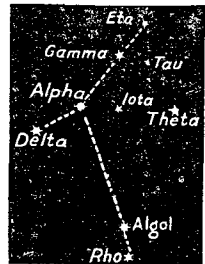
## 28 MILES A SECOND

Its apparent winking is due to Algol being composed of two great suns, one very bright and the other, though larger, much less bright and resembling a gigantic planet which periodically partially eclipses the central sun; it averages some 2,174,000 miles' distance from the central sun and speeds round it at an average rate of 28 miles a second.

As it revolves, this colossal planet passes at regular intervals of 2 days, 20 hours, and 49 minutes between us and Algol, so that we receive less than one-third of Algol's light.

In the course of the evening of January 10 this stellar eclipse may be seen, Algol being at a minimum about 10 o'clock, and again on January 13 at about 7 o'clock. Comparison with the star Rho will help the observer to note the decline in Algol's light. This eclipse actually happened 93 years ago, this being the time the diminished light has taken to reach us.

G. F. M.



The chief stars of Perseus

## OUR FRIEND JENNINGS

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But Mrs. Arrowsmith was in no mood for explanations.

"Don't answer me back! I shall come up to your school and report this disgraceful behaviour to the headmaster. Now get back on the footpath."

"Jolly well not fair," fumed Jennings, as soon as they were out of earshot. "That's the last time I'm going out of my way to do good turns to people who won't even let you explain. And now we've made ourselves later than ever, so there'll be another hoo-hah with Old Wilkie when we get to the village."

Mr. Wilkins' manner showed more than a trace of impatience when Jennings and Darbishire arrived panting outside the village hall some minutes later.

"What on earth have you boys been doing all this time!" he stormed. "I've been waiting here for thirty-five minutes!"

"Sorry, sir. We couldn't hurry because of Darbishire's laces," Jennings volunteered. "And then the cow got out, and after that we met Mrs. Arrowsmith, and she wouldn't believe we'd had to drive her back through the gate, sir."

It was not, perhaps, a very convincing explanation, and Mr. Wilkins stared at the boy in some bewilderment. "Talk sense, boy. What's all this nonsense about driving Mrs. Arrowsmith through gates?"

"That's not quite right, sir. It's rather a long story..."

"A fine time to start telling me long stories, when you've kept me waiting for 35 minutes," Mr. Wilkins retorted warmly. "The rest of the school are half-way home by now. Off you go, both of you! I'm going to ride back along the main road and wait for you at the school gates. And if you haven't reported to me in 20 minutes I'll—I'll—well, you'd better look out!"

Mr. Wilkins mounted his bicycle and pedalled off down the road leaving the two runners bemoaning the task that lay before them.

"We'll never do it in the time," panted Darbishire, as they set off on the homeward trek. "I've just about reached the end of my tether."

The pace grew slower and slower as Darbishire's stitches became more frequent and his shoes more unwieldy. Soon Jennings was in despair. If only he could get Darbishire to run faster! . . . If only there was some way of reaching the school gates within the time limit which Mr. Wilkins had imposed.

At that moment he heard the sound of gear-changing; and, glancing round, he saw a double-decker bus approaching from the direction of the village.

He stopped dead in his tracks . . . A bus! Why, of course! It was the obvious answer to the transport problem . . . And what a bit of luck it was travelling towards Linbury Court School!

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# SPORTS SHORTS

**LEN HUTTON** has become the fourth English batsman to pass a total of 5000 runs in matches against Australian teams. The others are Sir Jack Hobbs (6726), Walter Hammond (5278) and Herbert Sutcliffe (5114).

**REG PERKS**, Worcestershire fast bowler, will skipper his County next season, the first professional ever to do so. Now 43, Perks has been a Worcestershire player for 26 years and has played under eight captains. He has been vice-skipper for the past three seasons.

**CHRIS CHATAWAY** is due to run in a special three-mile race at Johannesburg on Saturday, arranged as part of the jubilee celebrations of the local Harriers. He will also compete in a special athletics meeting in Durban next Wednesday.

## Sisterly advice



Eight-year-old Kathleen Parsons is coached by her big sister Anne, aged 16, who is a promising young hurdler of the Essex Ladies Athletic Club.

**BRISTOL ROVERS** now include weight-lifting as part of their regular training programme. Al Murray, the British Olympic weight-lifting coach, is visiting the club each week to superintend.

**DERBYSHIRE** County Cricket Club will next week open a £3000 indoor cricket school, provided by the supporters' club. The building, 105 feet long and 30 feet wide, contains two wickets, one of turf and the other of rubber. The school will be available for schooling on weekday afternoons, and to clubs in the evenings. Saturdays are reserved for promising young cricketers selected by the club.

**PETER WELLS**, holder of the English native high jump record, has set up a new all-comers record for New Zealand, where he now lives, with a jump of 6 feet 7½ inches.

**THIS** weekend a team of London swimmers will meet a representative side from Berlin, at the Downham Baths, Bromley, Kent. Five National champions, several ex-champions and record holders will comprise the London team. Among them will be 15-year-old Margaret Edwards, who recently broke 14 back-stroke records in one swim.

**FRANK TYSON** has his cricket boots specially made in Northampton. The right boot has a steel toecap, and both have steel heel supports. Lancashire County club refused him an engagement a few years ago because they thought he was "too frail for fast bowling."

**BERNARD PUSEY**, one of England's outstanding amateur cyclists, will ride in future as a professional. During last summer he won the national 50-miles track championship, and the amateur Tour of Ireland. He will now become a member of a team of British professionals who will shortly travel to the South of France for special training in preparation for the coming season's international road races.

**DOREEN SPIERS**, 20-year-old Stanmore, Middlesex, tennis player, has been training at Tooting Bec track under Franz Stampfl, the Austrian athletics coach who trained Dr. Roger Bannister and Chris Chataway. After daily track exercises she has been attending Queen's Club for tennis practice, prior to a Continental tour. Daughter of a Covent Garden fruit importer, Doreen Spiers won the mixed doubles title, with Michael Davies, at the Queen's Club covered court championships last November.

**DAVID PHILLIPS**, of Seven Sisters, South Wales, won his first junior table tennis championship at Swansea six years ago, when he was 12. Later he gained the Welsh senior Open title, and today he is regarded as the best of all Welsh players. As a schoolboy, he also played in three Welsh Secondary Schools Rugby trials, and he is now playing full back in the Cardiff University XV.

ONE of the most interesting Soccer matches of the season, Young England v. Young Italy, will be played at Stamford Bridge next Wednesday. All the players will be under 23, and none has played in more than two full international matches.

**SATURDAY** will see one of the most important Rugby internationals of the season—Wales v. England, at Cardiff Arms Park. This will be the 60th meeting of the two countries, England having won 29 matches, Wales 23, with seven drawn.

**THE** inter-county cross-country championship will be held on Saturday at Childwall Park, Liverpool. The runners will race round and round the grounds in front of the new County College at Childwall, so that they will be in view throughout the whole of this gruelling race.

## CN Competition No. 20

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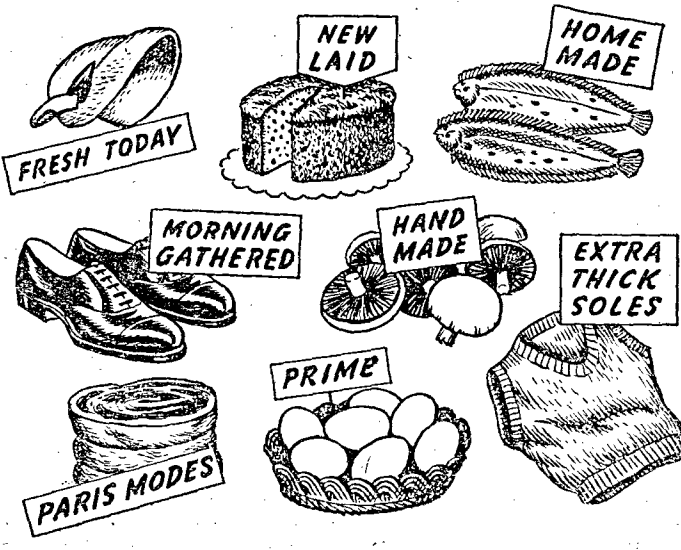
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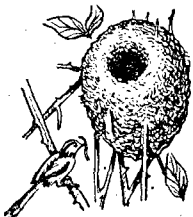
## THE BRAN TUB

### SMART BOY

YOUNG Jean was very proud of her clever big brother Tony, and she was telling her friend Alice so. "He learns French, Latin, geometry, and algebra," she said. "When he comes in I'll ask him to say hallo or something in algebra."

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### FIND THE CHARACTER

ADD one letter to each of the following words, in the same position each time, so that they become five-letter words. The added letters, in order, should spell the second name of a popular character in books and Children's Hour. Who is he?

REIN, PROD, CLAP, PLUS, CLAM, SEES, RIDE, STEP.

Answer in column 5

## BEDTIME TALE

### JACK FROST'S MAGIC

SAM and Ann were town children who were spending a holiday with Granny in the country. When they got up on their first morning and looked out of the window, they saw that the garden and the fields were glittering like tinsel on a Christmas tree.

"Look! There's snow!" cried Sam.

"It's not snow," said little Ann. "I think it's magic."

When Granny heard them she laughed. "It's hoar-frost," she said. "Jack Frost has been working hard all night."

"There! I said it was magic," replied little Ann. "It's Jack Frost Magic."

After breakfast Sam and Ann went for a walk in the frosty fields, and Ann had an idea. "Let's take Granny a present," she said. "She loves flowers, so let's take her some leaves with Jack Frost's magic on them. They will look so pretty on the kitchen table."

They carefully picked a tiny

### PIRAMID PUZZLE

Can you build a pyramid of words with answers to the clues below? After the first, each line contains the same letters as the line before, though not necessarily in the same order, and each new line has one new letter added.

LONDON's river begins with this letter

Saint

A group of games at tennis  
Made to be sat on

Makes docile  
Captain of a merchant ship

Boat

Drives a team of animals

Answer in column 5

### SAFETY FIRST

"Is this your ball in my garden?"

"Are there any windows broken?"

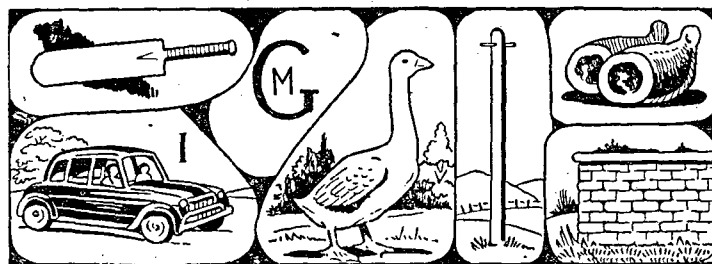
"No."

"Yes, it's my ball."

### A PICTURE-PUZZLE TO SOLVE

Add three letters to each of the seven pictures and you will find the names of animals. What are they?

Answer in column 5



### DOUBLE DUTCH?

A WITNESS before the court was a Mr. Ottiwell Wood. When asked how his name was spelt he replied: O, double T, I, double U, E, double L, double U, double O, D.

### THE BOY FIEND

THE boy fiend varies in age from four to twelve. His mother thinks him clever, and his father calls him smart, but visitors hate him.

He has a feverish thirst for information. Nervous friends of the family are driven to distraction by his irritating questions and still more irritatingly innocent answers he himself suggests.

Take him to the zoo and he, at once asks why the elephant has two tails, adding before there is time to reply: "Is it to keep the flies off at both ends?" Show him a porous plaster and he at once asks if the holes are the part where the pain comes out. Remind him that the cat will scratch him if he keeps on pulling its tail and he will tell you that cats do not scratch with their tails.

If you get him in a serious mood and tell him he is made of dust, he immediately asks why he doesn't get muddy inside when he drinks.

From an old newspaper

### ALPHABET PUZZLE

The answers to the following clues all begin with the letter N.

A VERY beautiful Italian bay.

Who said that an army "marches on its stomach"?

What famous gallery is in Trafalgar Square?

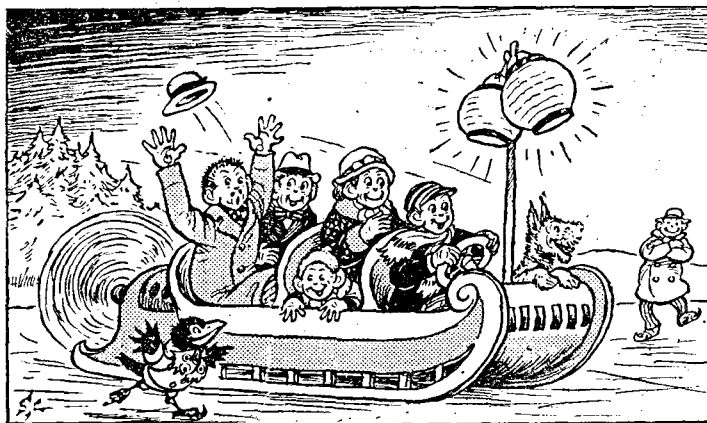
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What is called the Senior Service?

What do you call a pain from a nerve in the face or head?

Answer in column 5

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Jacko had been impatiently waiting for the lake to freeze over, but why, he would not say. Now the lake had frozen over and Jacko was ready to give up his secret. He had made a special sleigh in which he wanted to give the family a ride. It looked all right, they agreed, but did it work? Two minutes was enough to prove that it did indeed work, and soon they were all praise for it. Even Adolphus, who had his hat blown away by the wind from the propeller, agreed that Jacko's feat was worth "raising" his hat to.

### BACK TO REALITY

ROSE dreamed she was a lily, Lily dreamed she was a rose; Robin dreamed he was a sparrow, What the owl dreamed no one knows.

But they all awoke together As happy as could be.

Said each one: "You're very, very nice, "But I'm very glad I'm me."

### LONG SUFFERING

"DOES our talk bother you," said one of a company of ladies in a railway carriage to the only gentleman present.

"Oh, no," came the resigned reply. "I've been married for 20 years."

### TOPSY TURVY VIEW

A LITTLE boy who knew a thing or two, And was up to all sorts of tricks, Discovered that nine, when upside down, Would pass for the figure 6. So when asked his age by dear Aunt Jane The cheeky youngster said: "I'm nine when I stand on my feet like this; But six when I stand on my head."

### TV IN GOLD

POSSIBLY the most expensive television set ever produced is that given to the Pope by American schoolboys and the Brothers of St. Francis Xavier. All its metal fittings such as the grill and hinges are of pure gold and a crest is flaked with gold. Its value is some £1500.

### ANSWERS TO WORD QUIZ

1b, 2b, 3b, 4c, 5b.

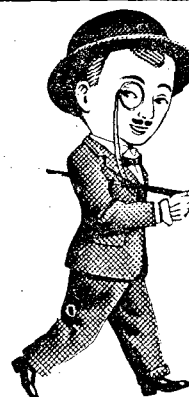
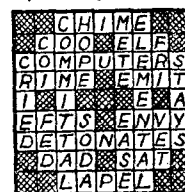
### BRAN TUB ANSWERS

Pyramid Puzzle Find the character. ReIGn, proUd, clAMP, pluMs, clAlm, seeDs, ridGe, steEp —CUMMIDGE  
T SET SEAT TAMES MASTER STEAMER TEAMSTER  
Picture-Puzzle. Wombat, Lemming, caribou, mongoose, polecat, hamster, wallaby  
Alphabet puzzle. Naples, Napoleon, National Gallery, National Health Service, Navy, Neuralgia

### LAST WEEK'S

### CROSSWORD

### ANSWER



Find the Treasure



"Hullo there! Here I am again—your old friend Sir Kreemy Knut, with another puzzle for you to have fun with.

A maze this time: start where you see me, and try to find your way to the treasure. If you come to any line across your path, you'll have to retrace your steps and try again. What will you find at the end? A lovely Sharps Toffee! What could be more delicious than that?"



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